

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Directors' Meeting**  
4<sup>th</sup> Division, PNR, NMRA  
December 3, 2016

*Attendees: Russ Segner, Michael Donnelly, Al Lowe, Alex Brikoff, Kurt Laidlaw, David Yadock, Bob Rorabaugh, Ed Ives, William Messecar, Cliff Green, Jack Hamilton, Ed Liesse, Mike Stepner, David Cook, Peter Gullick and Paul Pellegrino*

Supt. Russ Segner called the meeting to order at 9:30am. The minutes from the September 2016 B.O.D. meeting and today's agenda were unanimously approved.

**Officers' Reports**

**Superintendent:** Russ Segner commended Cliff Green for all his hard work on the 4D Grab Iron. We need another IT guy to help Cliff. Individuals and Clinics are encouraged to submit articles on meetings including photos for the Grab Iron. Russ passed along a check for \$95 as proceeds from sale of 4D donated items at the Boeing Swap Meet in November. He reminded everyone that all donations to the 4D are tax deductible.

**Asst. Superintendent:** Kurt Laidlaw reported that he attended the Vancouver, BC 7<sup>th</sup> Division Train fest. He had a great visit and saw lots of nice operating layouts.

**Treasurer:** Mike Donnelly submitted his Treasurers report (as of Nov. 26, 2016). MSP to accept the Nov. 2016 report.

**Office Manager:** Reported membership stable at around 530 for 4D. He mentioned that the 4D is bigger in membership than the PCR.

**Modular Groups:**

**Hi-Railers.** Attending the GATS in November at Puyallup with their larger layout. They plan to do seven shows in 2017 plus the Pacific Science Show (PSC) as well as maintenance on the layout this year as well.

**4DNTRAK:** Al Lowe reported they have a couple of new members. They will be at the WSHM show in December for 14 days of operation.

**Omni Rail:** Reported membership continues to go up and down. They have lost some members in the past year. The OmNi Rail name is now under control of the 4D.

**HO Modular:** They are doing pretty well. Membership is down to 14 people and they are looking for more to join the group. They have a listing in the NMRA magazine and have club standard roles on their web site. They expect to attend a number of shows in the future including, WSHM, PSC, Monroe and Fun Fest in Tacoma.

**Bremerton Northern:** Reported as still active.

## **Committee and Program Reports**

**Clinics:** Upward of 20 people are attending the eastside clinic in **Redmond**. Dave Cook is now running the Redmond clinic. Russ presented the clinic in November. In January 2017 Alex B will start a photo of the month contest for 5" by 7" (or larger) original photos—in several categories. **Renton:** Russ expects that group to grow but we need a leader and a stable place to meet for both. Eight attended in November. The clinic will move to Burien to the Pacific Railroad NW archives starting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in January 2017. **Westside** was attended by 12-15 members in November. They need more clinicians. Cliff Green reported he has not heard anything from Alaska and needs a good contact.

**Membership:** Bob continues to make new member calls. He needs help with 4D displays at various shows.

**PNR President:** Jack gave a plug for the PNR convention in Spokane in 2017. They will be looking for clinicians as well as models and photos for contest entries. The convention will feature some very nice prototype and layout tours.

### **Old Business:**

**Pacific Science Center:** David reported that Play Mobile pulled out so NTRAK and OmNi will participate. He is still waiting for the show poster. He'll submit layout locations at PSC so they can print the show brochure. He asked Cliff to send out a request for volunteers to help at the PSC show.

**New Business:** Kurt will work on recruiting help for the module groups at the WSHM show. Modules groups were asked to provide him a contact person that volunteers should report to for instruction. Russ reported that the 4D spring meet will not happen in Mt. Vernon—not enough local help. Russ is looking for a new location in North Seattle for the first or second weekend in May. Suggestion was made to target local community colleges or commercial space for meet site. If you have ideas please contact Russ Segner ASAP. Jack and Kurt are working on developing a "Make and Take" project (4-6 hours) to feature at the next 4D meet.

It was MSP to provide them a \$500 line of credit to get the "Make and take" project off the ground. Ed Liesse showed portable signs used at a recent United Airlines retiree convention—does the 4D want these? We could use them at shows or 4D meets. If interested contact Ed.

Next meeting Saturday February 11, 2017 at Kent, WA Mitzel's 10:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

William Messecar MMR, Secretary